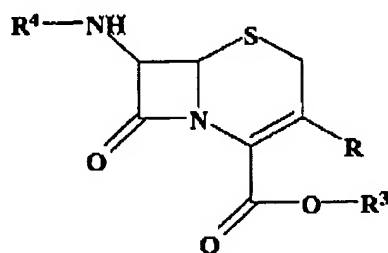


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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 7 and ending at page 10, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

with a protected 7-amino-3-(propen-1-yl)-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid of formula (VII)

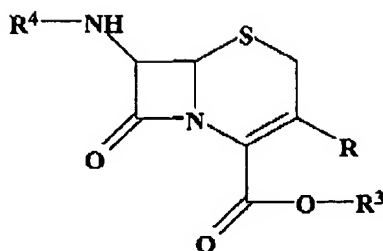


wherein R^3 and R^4 are protective groups, R is propen-1-yl followed by hydrolysis, isolation and purification to give Cefprozil of formula (I) in the form of a monohydrate in high yield and purity, substantially free of impurities.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 10 and ending at page 18, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

with a protected 7-amino-3-(propen-1-yl)-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid (7-APCA) of formula (VII)

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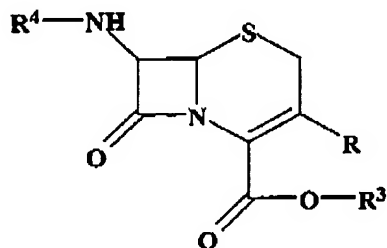


wherein R^3 and R^4 are protective groups, R is propen-1-yl

followed by hydrolysis, isolation and purification to give Cefprozil of formula (I) in the form of a monohydrate in high yield and purity, substantially free of impurities.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 15 and ending at page 20, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

with a protected 7-amino-3-(propen-1-yl)-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid (7-APCA) of formula (VII)



wherein R^3 and R^4 are protective groups, R is propen-1-yl

followed by hydrolysis, isolation and purification to give Cefprozil of formula (I) in the form of a monohydrate in high yield and purity, substantially free of impurities.